

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL
B.S.A.

DATE April 11, 1963

Full Name RHODES, JOEL DANZLER
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

Address Wescott Place Farm

City Centerville State Indiana

Age 42 (This is important and should be exact)

Approximate age _____ (To be used ONLY when exact age is not known)

Religion Protestant Nationality American

Public Relations, farmer., also Indiana State Senator from Wayne County

Occupation Also served in the U. S. Navy

Education Graduate of Univ. of Cincinnati

Weight about 210 Color white Height about 6'

Color of hair Black Color of eyes Blue

Outstanding characteristics or interests _____

Married or single married Children 1 son, age 2
3 daughters, ages 15, 13, 11
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Wife's name Carol

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

Unit #	City	State	Office	Date Reg'd.	Date resigned
T-16	Centerville	Ind.	Asst. SM	1952	4/63
T-2	Tulsa	Okla			

Special recognition _____

Recommended for Confidential File for following reasons:

Lay Order of Arrow Advisor	1958
Scouters Key	1956
Silver Beaver	1962
Eagle Award through T-2, Tulsa, Okla.	?
Bronze Scout Award	1961

Letter from Scout Executive James E. Bishop, dated April 3, 1963 Council 151
Signed _____
Scout Executive

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April 11, 1963

Mr. James E. Bishop
Scout Executive
Whitewater Valley Council, No. 151

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
Re: Joel D. Rhodes,
Scoutmaster, Troop 16

Dear Mr. Bishop:

Thank you very much for your letter of April 3 concerning Joel D. Rhodes, Scoutmaster of Troop 16, Centerville, Indiana. We have placed this information in our file and have taken steps to have his name deleted from the Troop roster.

This information will enable us to identify Mr. Rhodes, should he ever again attempt to register in the Scouting program.

Sincerely yours,
PERSONNEL DIVISION

Howard Boyd
Director of Registration

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JOEL D. RHODES, Centerville, Indiana, Scoutmaster of Troop 16, sponsored by the Methodist Church.

Mr. Rhodes has served the cause of boyhood through Scouting for over 16 years. He earned his Eagle Award in Troop 2, Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he was active for 7 years. He was Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 16 in our Council during 1947, and since 1950 has been Scoutmaster of this Troop. He received his Scouters Key Training Award in 1956. He has served as Institutional Representative for his home church Troop, and as a member of the Camping and Activities Committee.



He is a member and Elder of the First Presbyterian Church, Richmond, Indiana. Public relations, farming, and serving as State Senator from Wayne County are his occupations. His civic service includes the United Fund of Wayne County, president of the Salisbury Courthouse Association, chairman of the Wilbur Wright Birthplace Commission and member of the Presbyterian National Mission Homes Inc. He served as a delegate to the 1960 White House Conference on Children and Youth. As a legislator he is serving on the study committees for Emotionally Disturbed Children, and the committee on Retarded Children. He has held public office since 1954, as a member of the County Council, a State Representative and as State Senator.

In recognition of his earlier service to Scouting, the Council presented him with the "Bronze Scout Award" in 1961.

For these and many other outstanding services to youth, the Whitewater Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America, honors Joel D. Rhodes.

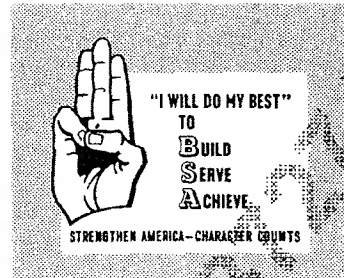


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COUNCIL NO. 151

April 3, 1963

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Howard P. Boyd
Director of Registration
National Council
Boy Scouts of America
New Brunswick, New Jersey

Dear Howard:

We regret that we must place the following man on the Confidential or "red flag" file.

Name Joel Dangler Rhodes
Address Wescott Place Farm
Centerville, Indiana
Age 42 years....Protestant (Presbyterian) American Citizen
Profession ... Public Relations, farmer, Indiana State Senator from
Wayne County.

Weight...Approx. 210 lbs...Eyes-Blue?...Hair-black...Race-White
Height...Approx 6 ft....Complexion-Buddy.

He is married. Wife's name is Carol. He has three daughters 15-13-11 yrs.,
and a 2 year old son.

He received his eagle award through Troop 2, Tulsa Oklahoma, and was active
there for about 7 years. He served in the Navy. He is a graduate of the
University of Cincinnati.

Scouting Service in this Council:

Assistant Scoutmaster and Scoutmaster of Troop 16, Centerville, Indiana,
from September 1952 to present time. Has also served in various capacities
on the Old Trail District Committee as Institutional Representative of
Troop 2 from his church, District Camping and Activities Chairman. Was Lay
Order of the Arrow Advisor in 1958; received the Scouters Key 10-1956; was
recognized with the council Bronze Scout Award in June 1961, and was honored
by the council with the Silver Beaver in November 1962.

Details of this case are in the hands of the Wayne County Prosecutor, Mr. Wayne
Tash, although no formal action has been filed by the parents of the boys
molested, as of this date. Mr. Tash and the County Chairman of the political
party to which Mr. Rhodes belongs, have conferred with the parents of several
of the boys. Their findings concur with our own investigation started a month
or six weeks ago when first brought to our attention. Mr. Tash and the County
Chairman went to Indianapolis and confronted Senator Rhodes. He would

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neither deny or admit to the acts of perversion. He did say that he was aware of the talk going around, and that where there is smoke there is usually fire. Mr. Rhodes agreed that he would resign from all Scouting connection; would discontinue the practice of taking boys to Indianapolis to serve as Pages in the Senate; and that he would agree to secure and undergo psychiatric treatment. (This was on Monday of this week)

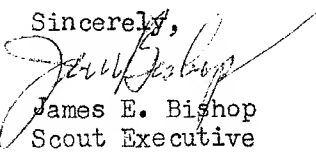
In our searching the past few days the office of Mr. Tash and ourselves have secured the names of nine (9) boys who have served as Pages in the Senate at Indianapolis starting in January of this year, or during the assembly term two years ago. We now know that there are many more, but there is no real need for further investigation at this time. Our search to date has not produced any indication that immoral acts were committed on boys on any Scouting function or camp.

As far as we have been able to determine, Mr. Rhodes has invited boys to serve a day as a Page in the Senate; taken the boy back with him on Sunday night when he returned to Indianapolis in preparation for the Monday morning session; and there in his hotel room manipulated or attempted to manipulate the sexual organs of the boy, and has tried to induce the boys to manipulate his own organs, that is Mr. Rhodes. Many of the boys have left the hotel room; spent the night in a chair or locked in the wash room; and some of them have ~~xxx~~ spent the night mostly in the Indianapolis bus station until they could catch a bus home.

May I point out, that as of this date, neither Mr. Tash or ourselves are in possession of a signed statement by Mr. Rhodes, or a formal complaint or action by any parent. Much depends on the actions of Mr. Rhodes in the next few days. But the experience should be clear that this man must be removed from our Scouting program at once.

Please advise if any additional information or action is needed.

Sincerely,


James E. Bishop
Scout Executive

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